



In alignment with the current Department of Education policy effective 3/2/2020, the Attadale Primary School Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy is detailed below:

## DOE POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

## POLICY RULES

Principals must:

Implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day (“off and away all day”) unless the student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

Implement the following rules for students in different year levels:

- students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day; and
- students from Year 7 to 12 are permitted to be in possession of their mobile phone during the school day, however, mobile phones must be turned off and neither seen nor heard;

Require students to put their smart watches in ‘aeroplane mode’ so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day;

Determine an appropriate storage approach for mobile phones for students from Kindergarten to Year 6; and

Manage breaches of this policy in accordance with the *Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures*.

### **Guidance**

*For the purposes of this policy, ‘mobile phones’ includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.*

*“Off and away all day” includes before school and at break times.*

*Schools may choose, in consultation with the school community, to maintain or introduce a mobile phone policy that imposes further restrictions than those set out in this policy e.g. Year 7 to 12 students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.*

*All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school’s administration.*

*In instances of students fighting and videoing fights see - CEO Directive: Required action to be taken with students fighting or publishing videos of fighting*

*For multiple offences of non-compliance with this policy, student phones may require collection by a parent/carer or loss of good standing.*



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# MOBILE PHONE AND SMART WATCH POLICY

## ATTADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Mobile Phones & Smart Watches – [Communication Devices]

We understand that a variety of social changes have made it necessary for some students to carry communication devices.

At Attadale Primary School we require the following in order for a communication device use, to be considered responsible:

- any **essential contact** with a student during the school day must be made through the school office;
- the phone must be **stored by the student in their schoolbag (and not on their person)** at the beginning of the school day;
- the student will **not access** the communication device at all during school hours [except a smart watch in aeroplane mode only];
- each student's communication device must have a clear **identifying mark** to distinguish it from other students' devices;
- while the teacher will exercise due care for security in the course of the day, the school can **not be held responsible** for the loss or misplacement of a communication device.

A **Formal Request** form must be obtained from the school office before any student will be allowed to bring a communication device to school. This form outlines the responsibilities of the family and is required to be signed by both student and parent[s] prior to permission being given.

# FORMAL REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO BRING A COMMUNICATION DEVICE TO SCHOOL.



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To: The Principal  
Attadale Primary School  
Wichmann Road  
Attadale 6156

We wish to request that our child .....  
[Full Name]  
be permitted to bring a communication device to school.

Please indicate which device the student will bring to school .....

We understand that ..... [student] will be required to store the device at the beginning of each day.

We accept that while all care will be taken to keep the room / storage area secure, we will not hold the school responsible in the event of loss or misplacement of the device. [Watches can be worn but we understand they will be confiscated if used as a communication device].

We have arranged for an identifying mark on the device to prevent mistaken identity with any other student's device, and have made ..... [student] aware that the device must not be used at all during school hours.

We understand and accept that all contact during school hours must be made through the school office.

**Family Name:** [please print] .....

**Student's first name** . .....

**Student's signature** . .....

**Parent's Name** .....

**Parent Signature** .....

**Date:** .....